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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 10/718,713

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In re Application of:

Toshio YOSHIHARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2879

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Examiner: Glenn Zimmerman

For: COATING COMPOSITION AND USE THEREOF

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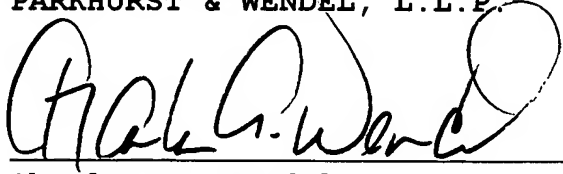
In reply to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004, applicants elect with traverse the claims of Group I, namely claims 18 to 26 for initial examination. The election is made with traverse because it is believed that claims 18 to 27 readily can be examined in the same case; it is pointed out that claim 27 depends from claim 18, an elected claim.

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An early examination of at least claims 18 to 26 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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